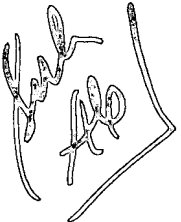


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE



A zoom lens includes, in order from an object side to an image side, a first lens unit of negative refractive power, a second lens unit of positive refractive power, a third lens unit of negative refractive power, and a fourth lens unit of positive refractive power, wherein, during variation of magnification from a wide-angle end to a telephoto end, the first lens unit moves with a locus convex toward the image side, the second lens unit moves toward the object side in such a way as to decrease a separation between the first lens unit and the second lens unit, the third lens unit moves toward the object side in such a way as to increase a separation between the second lens unit and the third lens unit, and the fourth lens unit moves toward the object side in such a way as to decrease a separation between the third lens unit and the fourth lens unit, and wherein the Abbe number and refractive index of a negative lens included in the first lens unit are appropriately set.

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